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1. HERewith FULL TEXT BARRY SCHWEID COLUMN THE WASHINGTON
POST SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 HEADED "WITTY KISSINGER: HIS
EXCELLENCY OF THE RIPOSTE."

2. WHATEVER HENRY KISSINGER'S LEGACY AS A STATESMAN, HE WILL
BE RECALLED AS A RARE WIT IN AN OTHERWISE HUMORLESS CITY.

3. IT'S A REPUTATION HE EARNED EARLY. IN 1969, HIS FIRST
YEAR AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, KISSINGER
TOLD AN INTERVIEWER:

4. "THERE CANNOT BE A CRISIS NEXT WEEK. MY SCHEDULE IS
ALREADY FULL."

5. IN 1971, IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW, HE REMARKED: "THIS JOB
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HAS DONE WONDERS FOR MY PARANOIA. NOW I REALLY HAVE
ENEMIES."

6. AND IN 1972, ASKED HOW FAME HAD CHANGED HIS LIFE,
KISSINGER QUIPPED: "NOW WHEN I'M BORING AT A PARTY, PEOPLE
THINK IT'S THEIR FAULT."

7. IN 1973, KISSINGER BECAME SECRETARY OF STATE, TAKING HIS SENSE OF HUMOR ALONG.

8. A REPORTER ASKED: "DO YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED 'MR. SECRETARY' OR 'DR. SECRETARY'?"

9. KISSINGER SHOT BACK: "I DON'T STAND ON PROTOCOL. IF YOU WILL JUST CALL ME 'EXCELLENCY' IT WILL BE OKAY."

10. AND HE DIDN'T STAND ON PROTOCOL AT A DINNER PARTY FOR THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WHEN HE DECLARED:

11. "I AM TOLD THAT THE BRITISH REALLY ADOPT THEIR ACCENT JUST TO IMPRESS AMERICANS. IF YOU WAKE THEM UP AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING THEY SPEAK ENGLISH JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE."

12. AS A BACHELOR IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HE FREQUENTLY DATED BEAUTIFUL HOLLYWOOD STARLETS. "POWER," HE SAID, "IS A GREAT APHRODISIAC."

13. KISSINGER OFTEN SPOKE OF HIS "TERRIFIED STAFF." HE RAGED AT THEM IN PRIVATE AND IN PUBLIC MADE THEM A BUTT OF HIS JOKES.

14. WHEN A REPORTER TOLD KISSINGER IN 1975 THAT THE HORSE SIX REPORTERS HAD BOUGHT--AND NAMED HENRY THE K--WAS BEING TRAINED BY A FORMER U.S.FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, KISSINGER UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID:

15. "THAT IS VERY INTERESTING. HOW WONDERFUL THAT, AT LAST A U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER IS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY UP TO HIS MENTAL LEVEL."

16. AS HIS TERM AS SECRETARY OF STATE RAN OUT, A RUMOR CIRCULATED THAT KISSINGER WOULD TAKE A COMMENTATOR'S JOB ON TELEVISION. ASKED ABOUT IT, HE SAID:

17. "I WILL NOT GO ON TV IN LESS THAN A YEAR UNLESS THEY MAKE IT A LOVE STORY."

18. WHEN BASKETBALL'S HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS OFFERED TO MAKE HIM AN HONORARY PLAYER, KISSINGER ACCEPTED--ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT "HOW I WILL LOOK IN SHORT PANTS."

19. PRESENTED WITH A BLUE-RED-AND-GOLD UNIFORM BY THE FREE-WHEELING, BARNSTORMING TEAM, KISSINGER SAID THE HONOR

SUITED HIM. "I, TOO, MAKE UP THE RULES AS I GO ALONG,"
HE DECLARED.

20. UNFORTUNATELY, ON SOME RARE OCCASIONS, KISSINGER'S
AMIALE GLIBNESS CAUSED HIM EMBARRASSMENT.

21. ATTEMPTING PLEASANT CONVERSATION WITH AUSTERE KING
FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA IN THE KING'S PALACE, HE INQUIRED
ABOUT A PAINTING ON THE WALL: "IS THAT AN ARABIAN
DESERT?"

22. "THAT'S THE HOLY OASIS," THE KING RESPONDED, AND
THEN FELL DARKLY SILENT.

23. RECALLING THE INCIDENT, KISSINGER SAID HE TOLD HIM-
SELF: "THERE'S ANOTHER THREE MONTHS OF THE OIL EMBARGO."
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